



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of
IBA et al.

Serial No. 09/800,520

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING RETROVIRUS VECTOR FOR GENE THERAPY

PETITION TO EXTEND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
MS RCE
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is made hereby in the above-entitled application to extend the period to respond to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003 for two months from the initial due date of May 12, 2003 to **July 12, 2003**. A petition for a one-month extension and the fee of \$110.00 were submitted on May 29, 2003. Therefore, only the fee of \$300.00 is being submitted herewith so that the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) can be processed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140** under Matter No. 423-59. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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